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BBC Monitoring of German Voice Broadcasts from Bixone and French Zone

1. In amplification of criticisms made of the German Section of the Daily Report in connection with the recent survey of the usefulness of the roundups, further discussions have been held with the Chief of the ORE German Section.

2. What he really wants is a basis for knowing the real attitude of the Germans themselves in the Western zone, and any other information which is not contained or implied by the reports of the occupation authorities. He believes that most coverage of German radio and press from these zones would be helpful to this end.

3. Our coverage of western zones has been almost exclusively DEMA and EPD news. This is primarily because BBC does practically no monitoring of voice broadcasts from the west. It is suggested that unless it is established, that such voice broadcasts would provide absolutely no revelation of real German opinion, BBC be requested to expand its monitoring of them.

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